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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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For: METHOD FOR MAKING ALUMINUM ALLOY STRIPS BY

CONTINUOUS THIN GAUGE TWIN ROLL CASTING

## **AMENDMENT**

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 3, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as set forth hereinbelow and in the attached appendix:

20. (Amended) A method for producing aluminum alloy strip, comprising the steps of casting an aluminum alloy consisting essentially of, in % by weight:

at least one element selected from the group consisting of 0.1-1.5 Fe and 0.35-1.9 Mn, wherein Fe+Mn < 2.5;

Si < 0.8;

Mg < 0.2;

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